# MINERS MAY VOTE NO STRIKE.

I NINSTRUCTED DELEGATES HOLD BALANCE OF POWER.

Indications That the Conservative Element Will Win and That the Men Will Decide to Go Back to Work-Conention Meets at Hazleton To-day

HAZLETON, Pa., May 13.-A large number of Mine Workers' delegates arrived here this evening for the convention to-morrow The sentiment for a strike does not seem so pronounced as it was last week. The attitude of the miners of the Lackawanna district, where it is now said the sentiment is almost three to one against a strike, got abroad here this afternoon and the result is that the conservative element, opposed to a strike, is hourly getting more

No peace offers have come from the operators. An argument against an indefinite suspension is that a strike at this time with the coal companies well prepared for a struggle would not be success-There have been rumors to the effect that in case the miners decide to return to work the operators will have no work for them, having decided to force the issue and fight the matter out right now.

Delegates favoring a strike argue that to return to work without concession would be a confession of weakness. The peace advocates meet this argument with the statement that it would be far better to defer the strike now, even though it savored of surrender, than to court defeat and the breaking of the uinon.

President Mitchell with his private secretary, Miss Morris, arrived here this evening, accompanied by District President Nicholls and a big representation of delegates from District No. 1. He was serenaded at his hotel by a drum corps and said to an immense crowd:

The decision to strike or go back to work rests entirely with the anthracite mine workers themselves. Through their delegates I hope that the decision, whatever it is, will be for the best. If they decide to continue the present temporary suspension I will remain here the entire period of the strike. If they decide to return to work I will use my best efforts to make better conditions for the anthracite mine workers."

Mitchell refused to give out any prediction as to the probable action of tomorrow's convention.

SCRANTON, Pa., May 13.-Returns from the election of miners' delegates on Monday have been coming in all day and they show a surprisingly large vote in the Lackawanna region against a strike. So far as heard from about one-half of the delegates elected have been instructed against a strike. One-quarter have not been instructed at all and the other quarter have been directed to declare for a strike, unless the operators

grant concessions.

This region has been considered the hotbed of the strike. It has been supposed that the miners in the Schuylkill and the Lehigh region would vote against a strike, contrary is true as to strike sentiment. This is taken here to mean that the chances are that the decision at Hazleton to-morrow e that the miners will return to work is admitted that the uninstructed de tes will largely vote as their leaders wish em to do, but enough will line up against he strike idea to make matters safe

President Mitchell left this city this afternoon with his secretary and several members of the Executive Committee for Hazleton. Before going he said that he would probably advise the delegates at Hazleton what to do, but he could not give out at this time what that advice wo be. The prevailing belief is that Mitchell will oppose a strike.

The railroads with terminals here and those in the Wyoming region continue to lay off crews, and the accumulation of engines and cars in the different yards is

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 13.-Figures based upon the instructions to delegates in the three United Mine Workers' districts show that those favoring a strike will have at most only a slight majority at the convention in Hazleton, and that the 20 per cent. of the whole number of delegates who are sent there uninstructed will have the rower to turn the vote either with

the power to turn the vote either way.

Much depends on the course of the leaders
in their speeches and practically everything depends upon President Mitchell's It is understood here that he a strike. President Nichols against a strike. President Nichols of District No. 1 is for a strike, but Presidents Fahey and Duffy of Districts Nos. 7 and 9 oppose it, and it is expected will make speeches against it. The convention is not expected to reach a vote on the strike

READING, Pa., May 13.—The closing up of the two terminals of the new Belt Line Railroad of the Reading Railway Company to-day, together with other news received to-night from the Reading company's thirty-six collieries, indicates that what may be the action of the miners at the Hazle-ton convention to-morrow there will be very little coal to haul for some time. Wellnformed men from the coal regions say it coks as if the coal operators would not be in a hurry to blow the colliery whistles, should or should not a strike be declared, and that there is a possibility that resump-tion would only follow at the collieries with miners who applied for work as individuals.

Oswego, May 13.—The coal strike has closed the Lackawanna trestle, and shipments of coal to Canadian ports have been

Wall Street representatives of important financial interests said yesterday afternoon that according to their latest information the situation showed decided improvement and that it looked now as if a strike would be averted. The miners, it was said, now realize that the operators stand ready to fight. The men fear a long strike and know that they are already receiving wages that are high, and that a losing strike will be likely to put an end to such wages.

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This feeling that there will be no strike extended to the wholesale coal dealers, one of whom said that there was no rush to order coal as would be the case if a coal

famine was impending.

There was an informal talk yesterday between representatives of the principal coal-carrying companies. W. E. Truesdale, President of the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad Company said later that the companies were said later that the companies were simply awaiting the result of the Hazleton con-

Regarding a statement from the mining districts that if a general strike order was issued the operators would post notices at the mines declaring forfeited the 10 per cent increase in wages which the miners have been receiving for more than a year.

Mr. Truesdale said: "We have not considered such a thing, and I can say for sidered such a thing, and I can say for

sidered such a thing, and I can say for myself that no such contingency has presented itself so far."

No indication of any change in the stock holdings of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad was shown at the annual meeting of shareholders held in this city yesterday. Charles A. Peabody, coursed in this city is this city. Charles A. Peabody, counsel in this city for William Waldorf Astor, replaces the late Alfred Van Santvoord in the Board of

The "PIONEER" Limited of the Chicago, Mil-saulies & St. Paul Railway, between Chicago, St. Paul-Minneapolis, Electric lighted, solid restibuted train. Office, 281 Broadway, N. Y.

Managers. Chairman Louis Windmüller, referring to the coal miners' strike, said:
"If we were to comply with all of the demands of our employees we might just as well turn the property over to the strikers."

President Olyphant said that the company had pursued a liberal course toward its employees all through the quarter of a century he had been president. The present demands of the miners could not be acceded to.

The Board of Managers will meet to-day and resilect the executive officers.

and reelect the executive officers

#### SAY THERE'S A COAL TRUST. Hove in Washington to Investigate Mine Owners and Ratiroads.

WASHINGTON, May 13 .- Many complaints ave been received by the President and the Attorney-General representing that the anthracite mine owners of the country are maintaining a combination in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust act.

Some of the complaints allege that the mine owners have an agreement with one another and with railroads, the terms of which are directly contrary to the pooling clause of the Sherman act.

Suggestions have been made to the President from various quarters that he instruct the Attorney-General to proceed against the so-called coal trust in the same way that the proceedings were instituted against the combination of meat packers.

the combination of meat packers.

More or less responsible statements have been made, also, that abundant testimony is available by which it can be shown that the shipment of coal between the States, under conditions now prevailing, consti-tutes a "restraint of trade," as defined by the Sherman law, and some of those per-sons who have written to the President or talked with him on the subject profess to be able to place this testimony in the Attor-ney-General's hands at a moreous' section. ney-General's hands at a moment's notice

The President has discussed the matter formally with Attorney-General Knox, but they have not as yet decided to institut

#### HAD TROUBLE SEEING BELLEVUE Visiting French Doctors Discourteously Treated at the Hospital.

Three French surgeons, Drs. Civel, Sorel and Deronde, from the Charity Hospitals of Havre and Brest had a hard time yesterday afternoon in seeing the inside of Bellevue Hospital in which they were particularly interested. They were refused several times by subordinates in the office and were much surprised at the discourtesy. They were told it was not an appointed visiting day, but that they could "walk around the

Permission was finally obtained from Deputy Supt. Rickard for the visitors to enter the wards and operating rooms. They were much pleased with the hospital's equipment and declared that it excelled in many respects that of the best charity pospitals of France.

They are making a personal tour of all the city hospitals and expect to introduce many American improvements into their

#### POTTER PALMER'S WILL. Estate Valued at 88,000,000 to Be Subject to His Widow's Control.

CHICAGO, May 13.-The will of the late Potter Palmer was filed to-day in the Probate Court. The estate is conservatively estimated in the document at \$8,000,000, of which \$1,600,000 is personal property. The will clearly shows that it was Mr. Palmer's idea that his widow should take his place after death and assume the direc-tion of family affairs.

The residence and contents are left to Mrs. Palmer. For the maintenance of the

Mrs. Palmer. For the maintenance of the home she has permission to draw any amounts from the income of the estate she may see fit. By a provision in the will the surplus of the income is left in the hands of the trustees, after prescribed deductions have been made, and is to be divided into two agual funds, one of which vided into two equal funds, one of which is set aside for the use of the two sons, from which they may draw subject to the approval of their mother. The other is the disposal of the widow.

#### SCHOONER LOST AT SEA. While Capt. Thorndike Looked Away She

Vanished -- May Be the Helen Augusta. Capt. H. M. Thorndike of the schooner Ella Frances, which arrived yesterday at City Island, reports that on Friday twenty miles south southeast of Thacher's Island, off Cape Ann, he noticed a schooner wallowing in the sea two miles astern. When he had been watching the vessel for some time, his attention was called away for a few minutes. When he again looked the vessel was nowhere to be seen. He be-

ieves she went down. Capt. Thorndike says he thinks she was the two-masted schooner Helen Augusta of Stonington, Conn., bound from Portland. r this port with a cargo of stone. The Helen Augusta was a two-master of 141 tons. She carried a crew of about four

# WOMAN FAINTS ON BRIDGE LOOP. Move On -One Arrest Made.

A woman got in front of a Brooklyn rolley car at this end of the Bridge last night at 6 o'clock and fainted. Every one thought she had been run over and the police had a hard time keeping the crowd from her.

Upstairs the crowd that was rushing for Bridge trains stopped and looked over the railing and soon the passageways were blocked. Raymond D. Berg, a clerk, living at 9 Spencer place, Brooklyn, the police say, wouldn't move, so he was arrested for disorderly conduct and locked up in the Oak street station. Berg said he merely talked back to the policeman. The woman got away without telling her name.

### SEE THE MAYOR OR DIE. Motto of a Visitor Who Was Forcibly

Elected From His Honor's Office. times at the City Hall to ask Mayor Low about his rating in the civil service eligible lists, came again yesterday. Matthew Dobbins, one of the confidential clerks in the office of the Mayor, tried to put him out, but he threw Dobbins down. Then he took a chair and said that he would ay there until he died, unless he saw the Mayor sconer. Dobbins threw him out of the office, and

ran out of the Hall yelling for help at the top of his lungs.

#### Andover Theological Seminary to Go to Chleago?

CHICAGO, May 13.—Andover Theological Seminary of Andover, Mass., the oldest of the Congregational theological schools, may be moved to Chicago and be consolidated with the Chicago Theological Semi-The matter is now being discussed. It is the plan to bring the Andover faculty of five members and the Andover endowment amounting to more than \$500,000 to Chicago.

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# SPEEDWAY FOR AUTOMOBILES.

MILLIONAIRES TO BUILD ONE AT COST OF \$500,000.

Private Road, Fifty Miles Long, to Run Through the Most Exclusive Part of Long Island - Rallroads May Be Changed to Permit of Level Course.

A private road, fifty miles long, to cost \$10,000 a mile, or \$500,000, is to be built and naintained exclusively for the use of autobiles and utilized as a speeding course. A few of the millionaire members, four

or six, of the Automobile Club of America will probably be the owners of the road. It will run from Long Island City almost due east on Long Island, passing through Hempstead near the grounds of the Meadow Brook Hunt Club. From this fact may be inferred who are the men who will finance the affair. Those who know positively the names of the men who have agreed to furnish the funds decline to divulge them. One of these, Sidney Dillon Ripley, one of the Meadow Brook set, when een yesterday said that he had no doubt but what the road would become a reality within a short time. He hoped that it would, for he believed that such a course was needed. As for giving the names of the men who will buy the land and build the road, he said that if they were generally known, and the course also known price of real estate along the route would

For some time there has been desultory talk among the members of the Automobile club about the desirability of having some road over which automobiles migi at pleasure and without regard to speed laws. In Brussels the motorists have such a course, and it was argued that America should not be behind the Germans. No one knew that the idea had taken definite shape until a member of the club let the cat out of the bag yesterday and said that four multi millionaires of the club had around four multi millionaires of the club had around our multi millionaires of the club had agreed ogether to bear the entire cost in case two others did not choose to join them. President A. R. Shattuck of the Automobile club, as well as Sidney Dillon Ripley, con-

club, as well as Sidney Dillon Ripley, confirmed the news.

From what could be gleaned yesterday the necessary land will be purchased, and the speeding course will be a private roadway, owned and controlled by a corporation. Certain rules and regulations will obtain in the use of it, but permission for races will be given when deemed proper by the owners. It is probable that the Automboile club members will obtain the privilege of using it at any and all times through some arrangement on the part of through some arrangement on the part of the club to pay an annual fee. It is possible also that later automobilists at large will be permitted to use it by making a toll road but these details have not yet been

that the projectors intend to make it as nearly as possible a straightaway course without a single crossing at grade. How this is to be accomplished is as yet uncertain. It is not desirable to have the speed tain. It is not desirable to have the speed-way go under the highways and railroads, nor over them, because of the grades that would entail. It is possible the highways and railroads will be bridged over the speedway, or such of them as interfere with its level grade. This, it is believed, money and influence can accomplish, be-cause the residents; the drivers and the railroad company all would be glad to have the automobiles where they remove the danger of striking or being struck at grade

Going fifty miles out on Long Island, Going fifty miles out on Long Island, the road would reach past Babylon and to some point between that and Patchogue. This would enable many of the wealthy residents of this city who have summer homes out that way to reach them at any time of day or night more quickly than they could by train if they had powerful automobiles, as most of them have. Oakdale, where the Vanderbilt place is located, is 49½ miles from Prospect Park as the 49% miles from Prospect Park as the roads now go, but on a straightaway course it would hardly be any further than that from Long Island City. Although the movements of the capitalists interested are being kept as quiet as possible, probably because the land and the desired privileges have not yet been obtained, those who know what is being done express confi-dence that the road will be an accomplished

### fact before very long. ARCHIE M'EACHERN KILLED. Bicycle Champion Takes a Fatal Header

in Practice at Atlantic City. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 13.-Archie McEachern, who won the last six-day race at Madison Square Garden, was thrown from his wheel in a tryout on the new sevenlap Coliseum track here to-day and injured so badly that he died five minutes after arriving at the city hospital McEachern arriving at the city hospital. McLachern came here last Saturday with his trainers and pacers, Bobbie Thompsonland Alfred Boake. He was in the best physical condition and was pleased with the new track

dition and was pleased with the new track.
At 4 o'clock this afternoon he started for a fifteen-mile tryout.paced by Thompson and Boake on a motor cycle. They were leaving the sharp turn in the last lap for the fifteenth mile. At a speed of 1 minute 25 seconds when the driving chain on the pacer broke and dragged. McEachern who had been glued to the rear wheel throughout the trial, struck the pacing machine and was hurled a dozen feet in the air against some scaffolding. His collarbone was broken, his chest crushed and his left lung torn. The only words he uttered were, "Oh, Bob!"

The men on the motor, unconscious of

The men on the motor, unconscious of the accident, were speeding for the second turn, when they came upon the prostrate form and nearly ran over it. The scene was heartrending. The several hundred spectators screamed frantically. They climbed over the track and crowded around the fallen cyclist. The managers of the Coliseum carried him to the rubbing room and did everything they could to stop the flow of blood. McEachern was conscious. An ambulance with two surgeons and a physician soon arrived, but the injured man became unconscious, passing away a few minutes after arriving at the hospital. Thompson and Boake said that it was an unavoidable accident and one that can occur at any time and at any place. They declared that no blame rests on any one. While practising this morning a small dog leaped in front of McEachern, throwing him off the wheel, and bruising his shoulders. A short time later a small boy attempted to cross the track and was run into by McEachern. The boy was slightly bruised and the bicycle smashed. Some friends assert that had they rest that her they have the same of the sa bruised and the beyone smasned. Some friends assert that had they remembered that it was the 13th they would not have let him practise, as he never mounted a wheel on that day. McEachern's relatives

behind a motor cycle in 16 minutes and 29 seconds, although the time could not, of course, be allowed. The last mile was done in 1:22 2-5. The record for a fourdone in 1:22 2-3. The record for a four-lap track is 1 minute 25 seconds, and on a six-lap track 1 minute 25 seconds. McEach-ern was engaged as a team mate for the season of Floyd McFarland, the big Cali-fornian, under the management of Arthur Irwin, the former baseball manager. McEachern's greatest tame was probably as a six-day race winner. He was a native of Toronto Canada about 25 years.

of Toronto, Canada, about 28 years old, a strapping fellow of about 5 feet 0 inches and about 170 pounds. In 1899 he entered the six-day race, with

Otto Maya as a partner, and the team fin-ished second to Miller and Waller. In 1900 McEachern with Burns Pierce as a partner, was again second, Pierce losing to McFarland, who was the mate of Harry Elkes, by three feet. Last December McEachern was partner to "Bobby" Walthour and the pair won the race.

### MOUNT COLIMA THREATENS. Indications That the Mexican Volcano I

to Become Active. GUADALAJARA, Mexico, May 13 .- The reports received here to-day from points in the neighborhood of Mount Colima in-

dicate that an eruption of that volcano may be expected at any moment There is an increase since yesterday in the volume of smoke which is pouring from SCENES IN THE RUINED CITY. the crater and slight tremblings of the

#### earth are felt at intervals. NICARAGUAN VOLCANO SPOUTS.

old Momatombo, Not Far From the Lake. Wakes Up and Destroys Property. New OBLEANS, La., May 13.-Passengers who arrived to-day on the steamer Breakwater from Nicaragua report volcanic disturbances and earthquakes in that republic apparently connected with the recent similar disturbances in Guatemala. The centre of the disturbances was the old volcano Momotombo, which lies near the northwest end of Lake Managua, a continuation of Lake Nicaragua, and not far from the capital Managua.

The volcano, which has never been entirely extinct, began smoking several weeks ago. Latterly it has been discharging showers of ashes accompanied by great quantities of smoke with a rumbling noise This was followed by an earthquake that destroyed the docks at Mometombo, at the foot of the mountain, and the terminus of the railroad running from the lake to Corinto on the Pacific.

### VESTRYMAN GAVE A \$60,000 BRIBE Dr. Rainsford Springs Another of His

Startling Anecdotes. A lot of the faculty and graduates of the Union Theological Seminary who attended the dinner of the alumni at the Hotel St. Denis the night before were talking yesterday of the speech made at the dinner by the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, rector of St George's, on the "Pulpit and the Pew."

Dr. Rainsford was said to be out of town vesterday and for that reason the exact language of some rather strong statements that he made in his extemporaneous remarks was not to be obtained.

Dr. Rainsford in a general way said that large part of the time of "the pew" was taken up nowadays in criticism of "the pulpit" instead of giving aid to the latter said in substance on this point:

"A decided mistake is made by many people when they think that politicians and a lot of men who do evil things occasionally are not in the pews, and that first step in municipal reform is to get them into the pews. A great many of them are in the pews already. So far as supporting the church with money goes they are all right. But many of them who do that do not entirely guide their lives by Christian ideas or the standards of morality.

"Not long ago the rector of a certain shurch-not mine-found out that a vestryman who was connected with a very large and important corporation had in that connection given a bribe of \$60,000 to obtain a certain privilege. That man was a man who had done a good deal for that church. The minister, however, as soon as he heard of the bribe, went to him and threatened if he did not take back the money immediately to reveal the whole matter from the pulpit. What did the man do then? He left the church. There is a large share of the bribing that is done to-day that is done by men who sit in the pews, and these are among the men who are helping perpetuate the municipal conditions we have been complaining of."

Dr. Rainsford said that while criticisms of the pulpit were sometimes justified it was decidedly true that there was a general necessity for "toning up the people in the

# CHARLES M. SCHWAB'S CHARITY. He Buys Richmond Beach, Staten Island,

but Isn't Divulging His Plans Yet. Charles M. Schwab has bought Richmond Beach near the southern end of Staten Island adjacent to Huguenot on the Staten Island Railroad, with the intention of establishing a charity, the scope of which he is not yet ready to make pub-The announcement of the purchase came from the Richmond Beach and Railway Company with the statement that the property would no longer be used as a

Mr. Schwab is in the West. Oliver Wren, his secretary, described the property yes-terday as a beautiful wooded tract of about twenty acres, with a splendid beach. It includes a fresh water lake several acres in extent, a steamboat landing, a bathing pavilion large enough to accommodate several hundred and a small hotel. "All I can say," said Mr. Wren, "is that it will be a sort of personally conducted charity with a broad scope and that no time will be lost in getting it under way."

# DECATUR ADMIRED HER. Mrs. Bedell, 101, Still Has Gifts the Com-

modore Gave Her as a Young Girl. Mrs. Julia Bedell celebrated her 101st birthday yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Ashlin, 23 East Thirty-third street, Bayonne, N. J. Mrs. Bedell's maiden name was Hudson and she was born on Lispenard street, New York. She became the ward of Benjamin Strong, a prominent sugar refiner in this city. While living with his family she became a favorite of Commodore Decatur and he presented her with numerous trinkets which she still posseses.

#### SHAKE-UP OF CAPTAINS? Maybe To-day's the Day for Shifting the Bevery Men.

night, Police Commissioner Partridge is expected to make a big shake-up in the wheel on that day. McEachern's relatives at Toronto have been notified.

Last Sunday, the day after arriving at Atlantic City, McEachern rode ten titles whind a motor cycle in 16 minutes and 2 seconds, although the time could not, of course, be allowed. The last mile was ione in 1,222-5. The record for a four-and the System.

# \$250,000 for Zoological Park

The Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution appropriating \$250,000 for the improvement of the New York Zoological The 1:00 P. M. "Air Line Limited," 5-hour Bostain, will be transferred to the Shore Line remediating 10th inst. end will be known as "Knickerbocker Limited," with Parlor cars on

\$74.50 to Portland, Oregon, and Return Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good for days, on sale May 26 to June 7, inclusive.

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# ROBBING THE DEAD.

Thieves Follow the Burial Parties Into St. Pierre.

One Father Finds the Body of His Daughter.

Danish Cruiser Joins in the Work of Rescuing Survivors in Other Parts of Martinique-Access Now Easter to the Rained City, but the Work of Cremating the Thousands of Corpses Goes On Slowly - American Naval Tug Potomac Arrives at Fort de France.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. rom THE SUN Correspondent at Fort de France. FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, May 13. The incineration and burying of the dead at St. Pierre is still going on, but under great difficulties. The only men engaged in it are French soldiers. Asmall

squad of them is at work. The entire atmosphere of the place so saturated with the stench that the burial parties are made ill by it. The men can only work for a short time at a stretch. In spite of the horrors of the place thieves

are penetrating it, robbing the dead and digging in the ruins for treasure. Over Mont Pelés there still hangs a great cloud of smoke. The eruption continues Falke arrived this morning.

#### with diminished force. ROBBING THE DEAD.

LONDON, May 14 .- A news agency despatch from Fort de France says that Mont Pelée is still in eruption. Further disasters are feared.

Another despatch from Fort de France ays that persons returning from St. Pierre report that looting of the dead in that place has begun.

It is stated that the authorities are payng little attention to the cremation or burial of the bodies of the victims.

The tug Potomac, which was despatched from Porto Rico by the United States Navy Department, cruised along the coast yesterday afternoon. She encountered a dense cloud of black smoke and was obliged to go five miles out of her course to avoid it. pital here, but is expected to die.

POTOMAC CATCHES LOOTERS. While on her way to Fort de France the Potomac picked up a small open boat in which were five negroes and a white man. They all had their pockets stuffed with gold and jewels, which they had stolen at St. Pierre. Lieut. McCormack, the commander of the Potomac, placed the men under arrest and subsequently turned them over to the commander of the French her and the girl, Margaret, to escape, cruiser Suchet

The only persons employed in burying did Mrs. Stokes. The nurse and Margaret the dead at St. Pierre are a small detach-

ment of French soldiers. A despatch to the Daily Mail from Fort de France, dated May 12, and cabled by way of Pinheiro and Pernambuco, describes the correspondent's eighty-mile journey from Guadeloupe to Martinique, where he arrived Sunday morning. Mont Pelée was shr ded in a dull violet-colored haze, which extended a mile above the mountain. This haze had assumed the shape of a giant mushroom, and its outer edges, where it caught the sun, showed a beautiful amber tint. Three miles from the land the ocean was strewn with wreckage. Many corpses were seen floating, on which sea birds and

# sharks were preying.

THE SURVIVORS AT PRECHEUR. The correspondent's boat reached the village of Precheur, a few miles north of St. Pierre, and it was found that the place had been partly destroyed by fire. The few remaining inhabitants on the shore begged to be taken off. They were told that help was on the way to them, and the boat proceeded.

When off St. Pierre it was seen that all that remained of the city were long rows of ruined walls, plastered with volcanic mud. A nauseating odor came off from

The boat hailed the mail steamer Solent which was in the roadstead, and the latter directed the correspondent how to land. In many places tens and scores of victims were seen in a single mass. Here and there fires were still burning.

A despatch to the Express from St Thomas says that the Danish cruiser Valkyrien rescued 500 survivors on the northeast coast of Martinique. The French cruiser Suchet rescued 2,000, and the cable ship Pouyer Quertier a large number. All were conveyed to Fort de France.

Only one life is known to have been saved in St. Pierre, that of a prisoner in jail. The French bank transferred all its funds and books to the cruiser Suchet before the catastrophe.

# SOME NOT KILLED OUTRIGHT.

A despatch from Fort de France states servant named Laurent, who was employed by a family in St. Pierre, was among the survivors who were taken to the hos pital at Fort de France. The physicians did everything in their power to save the life of the woman, but she was horribly burned and their efforts were in vain.

Dospite her injuries she was conscious and told what little she knew of the disaster. She said that she was going about her duties as usual last Thursday merning when sud-

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#### denly she heard a terrific explosion. She was so badly frightened that she fainted, DEATH LIST GROWS. and while in this condition she was terribly burned. She remained unconscious for a long time, but ultimately recovered her

senses. She then saw two members of the family in which she was employed who were still alive, but frightfully burned. They died before assistance could reach them.

The woman stated that she had no further knowledge of the catastrophe, and shortly after telling her story she died. The cable steamer Pouyer Quertier has

distributed large quantities of provisions

among the sufferers. ACCESS TO THE TOWN NOW EASIER An undated despatch from Fort de France says that access to St. Pierre has been

easier since day before yesterday. No

signs of fire are now visible. At the mouillage everything appears scattered as by a tornado. The iron gates of the Custom House are standing. The iron beds that were used in the hospital are twisted by the great heat, but do not bear any other signs of fire. The bedclothes and other textiles have completely

Two thousand corpses were found on the streets, most of the bodies lying face downward. The centre of the town and the fort are buried under several yards of

cinders. In the neighborhood of the creek several houses were found intact, but their inmates were dead, their bodies looking as though they had been struck by light-

#### ANOTHER ERUPTION?

To-day there was another violent eruption of Mont Pelée. The German cruiser

## IDENTIFYING THE DEAD.

Another despatch from Fort de France says the body of the daughter of the Italian Consul at Barbadoes has been found. She was visiting in St. Pierre. Her father went there with the first searchers of the ruins. Jewels worth \$200,000 have been recovered from the ruins and brought to

The searchers at St. Pierre have discovered some actions of the fire that swept over the city. The body of one woman burned to a crisp, but a silk handkerchief over her mouth was not injured in the least. Other bodies were completely burned

#### but the shoes were unscorched. THE STOKES PAMILY'S PATE

The little daughter of Mrs. Stokes of New York, who, with her mother and two others, was on the steamer Roraima, which was destroyed at St. Pierre, is in the hos-

neard some one say: "Look at Mount Pelée. She hurried on deck and saw a black cloud coming down from the volcano The steward ordered her to return below

Clara King, the nurse of the Stokes chil-

says she was in her stater oom when sh

She did so, and in an instant there came a feeling of suffocation. When she got back on deck the ship was afire. The ship's carpenter assisted building a raft of life preservers and putting them on it. The little Stokes boy was also put on the raft, but died of his burns, as

#### were rescued by the Korona. FRENCH OFFICIALS REPORT. Stories of the Disaster Sent to the Minister

for the Colonies. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, May 13.-M. Decrais, Minister for the Colonies, has received the following despatch from Fort de France, Martinique dated yesterday, signed by M. L'Huerre, Secretary-General of the Government of

Martinique: "The perimeter ravaged includes Carbet Prêcheur and Macouba. Basse Pointe is also damaged. Prêcheur has been annihilated and it is believed the same fate has befallen Grande Rivière and Macouba. "Senator Knight landed at Prêcheur and buried 400 bodies. He brought the survivors to Fort de France yesterday. The work of the commander of the Suchet is above praise. The three children of

#### ship on June 1 for France. They will be accompanied by M. Muller, Gov. Mouttet's chief in the Cabinet. MANY DEAD IN THE SEA M. Decrais has received the following

Gov. Mouttet will sail on the mail steam-

despatch dated Fort de France, Martinique, yesterday: "There are only twelve survivors at the military hospital here, whereas there are 30,000 corpses strewn at St. Pierre beneath the ruins or affect on the waves, where

the sharks are devouring them. "Twenty of the dying, who were half calcined, were brought here. Of this number sixteen have already died. "On Sunday the island was hid behind :

thick veil of mist of a leaden color. The sea was strewn with wreckage of ships, dwellings and trees and corpses. Above the latter sea fowl hover around. Occasionally there is a breeze, alternately burning and

# RUINS STILL BURNING.

\*The ruins of St. Pierre continue to burn. The air is filled with the odor of burning flesh. No house is intact. Everywhere there are masses of wood, hot cinders and volcanic stones. The streets have disappeared. The corpses lie nearly all face

"On one spot the bodies of twenty-two men, women and children lie huddled together near a wall with their arms and legs protruding. A small rivulet flows where once was the Place Bertin. This is all that remains of the Goyave River. Large trees twisted by fire lie with their roots upward beneath a mass of rubbish. from which emerges the arm of a white

# POISONOUS GASES.

"It appears that the volcanic torrent contained poisonous gases. All the victims who have been found apparently covered their mouths in order to avoid death by suffocation.

"All those who were saved come from neighboring villages. Not a single soul was saved from St. Pierre itself."

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1,600 Victims Now Reported at St. Vincent.

# LA SOUFRIERE IS STILL ACTIVE.

Rain of Fire Has Not Ceased on the British Island.

Eruption Will Probably Go On Until Mont Pelee, Martinique, Has Become Quiet -British Government Authorities Express Great Anxlety About the Fate of the Colonists-No News to Allay the Fears of Even Greater Destruction and Loss of Life Than Are Now Known.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at St. Lucia.

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, May 13 .- Advices have just reached here from St. Vincent placing the loss of life in that island by the eruption of La Soufrière at 1,600.

St. THOMAS, D. W. L. May 13 .- The latest advices that have reached here from the island of St. Vincent only add to the horrors of the situation there. It was thought when the news of the disaster first became known that, though the material loss would be heavy, the death list would not be very large: but it is now known that up to the present time the fatalities number 700. and grave fears are entertained that the list is not yet complete.

La Soufrière continues to emit fire and cinders, and it is thought that the eruption will not cease until Mont Pelée, in Martinique, becomes quiescent.

LONDON, May 13.-There is considerable anxiety here as to the condition of affairs on the British island of St. Vincent. The latest news, which was received about thirty-six hours ago, was to the effect that La Soufrière was still in eruption. Since then no definite news has been received in official quarters. The latest information was that the northern part of the island was cut off from the southern end by enormous streams of lava and that boats' crews

were unable to land. The Pall Mall Gazette says nothing has occurred to allay the grave fears as to the conditions on the British island of St.

#### dren, was not seriously burned. Miss King DANISH CRUISER SAVES 500. Picks Up Refugees From Northern Part of the Island -Fort de France Crowded.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at St. Thomas. ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., May 13 .- The Danish cruiser Valkyrien has rescued 500 refugees from points along the coast in the north and northeastern parts of the Island

of Martinique. The French gunboat Suchet, whose officers and crew have been working heroically since the disaster overtook St. Pierre. has rescued 2,000 persons. Everybody aboard the little warship is nearly exhausted, but the vessel hardly arrives at Fort de France with survivors before all hands are eager to again set out on their

work of mercy. LIVING IN TENTS AT PORT DE PRANCE. The French cable steamer Pouver Quertier has also assisted in the work of rescue and has taken all the survivors that she picked up to Fort de France, where the

they rescued. All the house accommodation at Fort de France was taken up days ago. Large numbers of the survivors are occupying tents furnished by the Government, but the crowds of refugees are so large that many are compelled to shift for them-

selves as best they can. STORY THAT ONE MAN ESCAPED. There is a story that the only person in St. Pierre who escaped with his life was a prisoner who was confined in the jail there. No details of his escape are given.

of the town is intolerable. The scene of desolation in St. Pierre and for miles around is beyond the power of words to describe. A report has reached here that the French Bank at St. Pierre transferred its funds and books to the Suchet before the catastrophe, but it is believed that this statement is based upon the fact that the vaults of the bank were found to be intact and the securities and cash were removed by the

The stench from the bodies in the ruins

### Suchet to Fort de France. REFUGEES REACH DOMINICA. Tell of Great Suffering in Escaping From

Martinique. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at St. Thomas. St. Thomas, May 13.-Advices from Dominica under date of yesterday are to the effect that nothing exceptional had occurred since the last reports from that island. The atmosphere is reassuring. Refugees from Martinique continue to arrive, repeating the pitiable tales of hardships and sufferings told by previous ar-

The American navy tug Potomac reported upon her arrival that she had seen many empty canoes driving before the wind and current toward Point-A-Pitre. A sloop arrived at Dominica this morning from Trinité, a place thirty miles from Fort de France, bringing some refugee

No further reports from Martinique or St. Vincent have been received at St. Thomas. Roseau, Dominica, May 13 - A United

States gunboat arrived here to-day from

Porto Rico en route for Fort de France.

ARRIVAL OF THE POTOMAC. The Naval Tug Reaches Fort de France, Martinique

Washington, May 13.-In a despatch to the Navy Department received this morning Lieut. Benjamin B. McCormick. commanding the naval tug Potomac, reports his arrival at Fort de France, Martinique, ten miles from the annihilated dity